

HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED UP?

1 Cor 15:35-44

Nature of resurrection.

Some were ridiculing idea of physical resurrection of Christian's body.

1 Cor. 15:35-36 *Thou fool* Addressing spirit of question: caustic, antagonistic

2 Fold question:

First has to do with power:

Second: has to do with quality/characteristics.

I. Relates to Farming (36-38)

Thou fool: never learned to see things from God's ptoview.

Said *no* to God ...*there is no God*. Psa 53:1

that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

Hey foolish man, if you want answer to this question simply ask the farmer, or go look in your garden.

When plant a seed into ground it dies...begins to decompose...it ceases to exist in original form as a seed.

Prerequisite if going to come to life in final form as a plant. John 12:24

Paradox: plant actually made alive by death of seed.

Same concerning Christ and Christian. Before Christ give life had to die

Before we experience victory over sin we must die to self and be alive to Christ Gal. 2:20 John 12:25

1 Cor. 15:37 What put in ground is not a big and beautiful plant. Only a little dry seed of wheat ...

If plant kernel of corn, end result not same kernel.

Will see something green out of ground... will develop shoot and stalks ... hundreds of kernels.

Bare grain (naked kernel), *it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain*: You may plant a bare little kernel of corn or any type

1 Cor. 15:38 God gives it a new type of form and body—the kind that delights Him.

and to every seed his own body. If plant kernel of corn, going to get shoots of corn ...not wheat.

Can't grow corn by planting wheat

Gromaki: *God has so designed the genetic code that men can trust the relationship that exists between seed and plant.*

Gen. 1:24 ... after his kind...

Come up in a different form but not different kind or type

When Jesus rose from dead He was still a human body, but his resurrected body was different from one which died.

A spiritual human body. Lk 24:15, 31, 36; John 20:19

1 Cor. 15:38 God takes little seed which has been planted and gives it a beautiful new body. Just what He wants.

Our bodies die...come back to life at resurrection radically changed, but still bodies.

Mac: After Jesus was raised, no one recognized Him unless He revealed Himself to them. But once revealed, He was recognizable. ...Our bodies will die and they will change form, but they will still be our bodies. Surely it is not too hard to believe that the God who has worked this process daily through the centuries in His creation of plants, can do it with men.

II. Relates it to Creation (39-42).

A. Earthly Bodies 1 Cor. 15:39 God made different kinds of flesh.

Psa. 139:14 -16

B. Heavenly Bodies 1 Cor. 15:40

Celestial: heavenly – planets, stars

Terrestrial: earthly – men, beasts, birds, fish

Their glory or beauty is different.

1 Cor. 15:41 Millions of stars...all have own individual glory

Thought: if there are billions of stars and planets...no repeats! All have own individuality and glory....same as earthly bodies

Then why so hard to believe in resurrection of dead?

1 Cor. 15:42 Resurrected bodies differ from earthly bodies just as heavenly bodies differ from earthly.

III. Relates to Sowing and Reaping (42b-44)

A. Quality When body dies it immediately begins to deteriorate. Eccl. 3:20 Psa. 103:14-16. Born to die.

B. Honor/Glory 1 Cor. 15:43 *Raised in glory*: in fullness of glory

C. Durability

Morris: ...the present body is comparatively powerless. Cultivate it as he would (and the Greek did cultivate bodily prowess) it still remains a weak instrument far out spanned by the mind that is powerlessness.

Resurrection body not limited as body ...characterized by power.

D. Existence 1 Cor. 15:44

Natural: Belonging to soul... lower part of immaterial ...physical, animal, corrupt.

We are born/created with tremendous ability to live on earth...but not for heaven. This is something which must be supernaturally given to us from God.

Spiritual: Gromaki: ...a body which is adapted to the spiritual or that which corresponds to the image of God in man. Today, the spiritual is hampered by the soulish body, but in eternity, the body will be dominated by the spirit.

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1. Relates to Farming.
2. Relates it to Creation
3. Relates it to sowing and reaping.